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Thanks

.. To Mike Sinclair for his invaluable input into a number of forthcoming building projects

.. To Jennie Clark and Brenda Sinclair for supporting our senior debating teams over 2013.

SELF-DISCIPLINE Virtue

Please continue your discussions at home around the **SELF-DISCIPLINE** virtue and let us know of any special gains.

Term Calendar

Please pencil these dates into your calendar. Details and additional dates will follow as these come to hand.

26 November - Year 4- 6 Athletics Tournament
3 December - Year 7-8 Athletics Tournament
4 December - School Team Athletics Day
13 December - Reports home
16 December - School Prize Giving
18 December - Final day

People of the week

.. A special congratulations to our year 7 debating team (Ollie, Campbell and Sarah P) which last night won the Whangarei Interschool Debating Competition held at Kamo Intermediate School. This is a huge achievement. We are very proud of what you have achieved

Congratulations also to our other debating teams who provided ample opportunities for practising in the run up.

.. .. Well done to Nicole who placed first in Care & Handling & Jnr Light Breed Dairy Type and 3rd in Leading at the Whangarei Central Calf Club Day last Thursday.

.. Sehuen for achieving Grade 2 Merit and Hayoon for achieving Grade 3 Distinction in their Flute exams. Awesome effort!

Connan for showing great thoughtfulness to another student this week.

.. .. Good luck to Max who is competing in the National Primary Schools surfing Champs at Fitzroy Beach in New Zealand this weekend.

.. All of those students who have stepped out and taken part in athletics competitions this week ... keep it up!

Class Placements 2014 - LAST OPPORTUNITY

Teachers will soon be giving consideration to class placements for 2014.

The final decisions must ultimately be made by the school but we can throw parent requests / suggestions **of a general nature** into the mix (no guarantees). If there is something you would like us to consider please give Kevin a call, drop by, or flick him an email on

principal@matarau.school.nz.

Where a parental request is not met, that parent will be advised the reasons why in due course.

If your child(ren) will not be at Matarau school next year please let us know as soon as possible so that we can make these places available for other students.

Whanau Hui

This will be held Friday 13 December. Timing to be confirmed. Please pencil this in.

Prizegiving

Please pencil in 16 December for prizegiving ... getting underway 7:00 PM. As is our custom we will have a little present for each student ... as well as for pre-schoolers. If you intend bringing your pre-schooler to prizegiving please give Donna a call next week.

Year 4-6 and Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics Competitions

Children who qualified for the above events at the Zone Athletics (Poroti School) will receive consent forms shortly. Please get these back to school by next Friday at the latest.

The Year 4 to 6 tournament is scheduled for 26 November, and the Year 7 and 8 tournament for 3 December .. both at Kensington Park.

School Contributions

Those who opted for term payment of school contributions and activity fees will have received a request for their final instalment. Please forward payment as soon as possible and don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

Leaving Books

You may be aware that it is a Matarau tradition for the Board of Trustees to present all Year 8 students with a leaving book. Shortly our Year 8 students will receive a book voucher to put towards a book of their choice. Thank you (in anticipation) parents for assisting in the purchase of a suitable book. The vouchers are redeemable at most book stores. Books are to be returned to school to be officially presented at prizegiving on 13 December.

School Cups

If your child received a cup at last year's prizegiving please send this along to school within the next 2 weeks so we can arrange re-engraving. . Please do not polish these - we will arrange this. Thanks!



Sunhats

Please ensure your child has their sunhat in their bag each day.

Fred Ogle Cycle Race

Takes place on the morning of Sunday 17 November ... starting Maungakahia Sports complex and running through Jordan valley Road to Hukerenui and return (also takes in Whatitiri Road). Please take care on the roads (or if operating farm machinery) and keep a special eye out for cyclists and marshalls. Thank you.

Spelling Bee

Watch this space!

Home Garden Programme

Please ensure the Consent to Visit Forms issued this week are returned asap. **Diaries are due on 25 November and gardens will be judged on 30 November. Please note that gardens will not be visited if the Consent to Visit Form is not returned.** The real challenge now is to make sure that gardens are looking fabulous by judging day on 30 November. Home Garden Booklets are due into the office by Monday also please. Judging criteria for gardens are as follows ..



Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
Diary	6	Health of Plants	4
Layout (incl thinning, spacing and staking)	4	Varieties of Plants	4
Pest Control	4	Creativity / originality	4
Weed Control	4		30

Finally ..

Recently staff made a slight adjustment to our Mission Statement to better align it with new initiatives and to make it easier to understand. "Knowing your worth" now reads "Knowing self" which includes being aware of (and celebrating) our strengths and understanding (and allowing for) our learning styles. The Mission Statement is displayed in all rooms as a contract ... which we hope will give context and meaning to the values that drive us as a school and which shape the interactions between us all (including with and between staff). These values include a positive self-concept, opportunities to make personal choices, to be accepted for who we are, to be respectful and appreciative of others, to understand the value of hard work and so forth. We believe that rights also come with responsibilities and that we should treat others always as we would wish to be treated. As with such things we are (all of us) a work in progress ... there is no end point only endless possibilities to grow and improve.

LEARNER CONTRACT - MATARAU SCHOOL

	Your rights	Your responsibilities
Feel valued	You have a right to feel appreciated for the person you are, for the talents you bring, for the work you do, and for the things you say.	You have a responsibility to appreciate the character, talents and contributions of others (including your teacher).
Knowing self	You have a right to know what you are good at and how you learn best.	To use your talents well.
Make choices	You have a right to make your own learning and behaviour choices.	To make choices which bring the best out of self and others.
Having fun	You have a right to enjoy learning and play.	To know that real enjoyment comes from a positive attitude and a job well done.

Regards
Kevin Trewhella
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Work Wanted - to occupy (regular or casual) 16yr old from end November, responsible and reliable, ph William Dorahy on 4335512.

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Kamo High School Orientation Day - If you have enrolled or intend coming to KHS in 2014, Tuesday 26 November, 11.00-2.30pm, Outside Library, Bring your sports gear, togs/towel/sunscreen, water bottle and \$\$\$ for BBQ/drink.

Hatha Yoga - 4.30 Wednesdays at the school hall, Suitable for everyone - beginners to advanced. Registered Yoga Teacher \$5per class when paid at start of term. Enquiries to Susan - 0212084167 or massageyogameditation@yahoo.co.nz
Classes also available at The Yoga Studio on Walton Street Whangarei, Gentle, Advanced, Yoga for Pain/Stress Management, Wild Yoga!

Operation Christmas Child - Help a child in need. Notices were sent home this week. Boxes available at the School Office. For more info go to operationchristmaschild.org.nz.

All Stars-Kids in Action OSCAR school holiday programme, Monday 16th – Friday 20th December 2013, Monday 13th – Friday 17th January 2014, Monday 20th – Friday 24th January 2014, Activities include sports, arts, crafts & baking, swimming, lazer maze, 10 pin bowling, team building/leadership skills. Raumanga (The Pulse), \$35.00per day, 5-14 years. Enquiries & bookings welcome, please contact: Paul on (021) 951-925 or (09)436-3045 e: paul@kidsinaction.co.nz, www.kidsinaction.co.nz

Junior Twilight Football- Starts 7th Nov Tikipunga Football Cub Reed Street, Tikipunga. Contact vic.campbell@xtra.co.nz or 021 203 5721 for more information. Under 8s Under 10s Under 12s half hour games runs for 6 weeks lots of fun.

Northland Golf Club. Coaching sessions for new & developing Junior Golfers are now available (both Primary & Intermediate ages).

Active Attitude after school swimming programme, Kokopu School on Friday 15th November. Be in quick to secure a place for your child on the programme (we only take 4 kids per class). There are classes for ages 5 and up. For further information or to register, please visit www.activeattitude.co.nz or contact Lauren 021 550 064 or lauren@activeattitude.co.nz

TV Takeback - The TV Takeback scheme will be running for a limited time and is a chance for people to recycle their old TV for only \$5. For more info please visit the website www.tvtakeback.govt.nz or call us.

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KidsCan Santa Run - Wed 4th Dec at 6.30pm. Fun run/walk that individuals, groups or teams can take part in dressed up as Santa's and raising money for KidsCan. Register online at www.lacticturkey.co.nz/SantaRunEntry.htm



Chocolates – URGENTLY due back